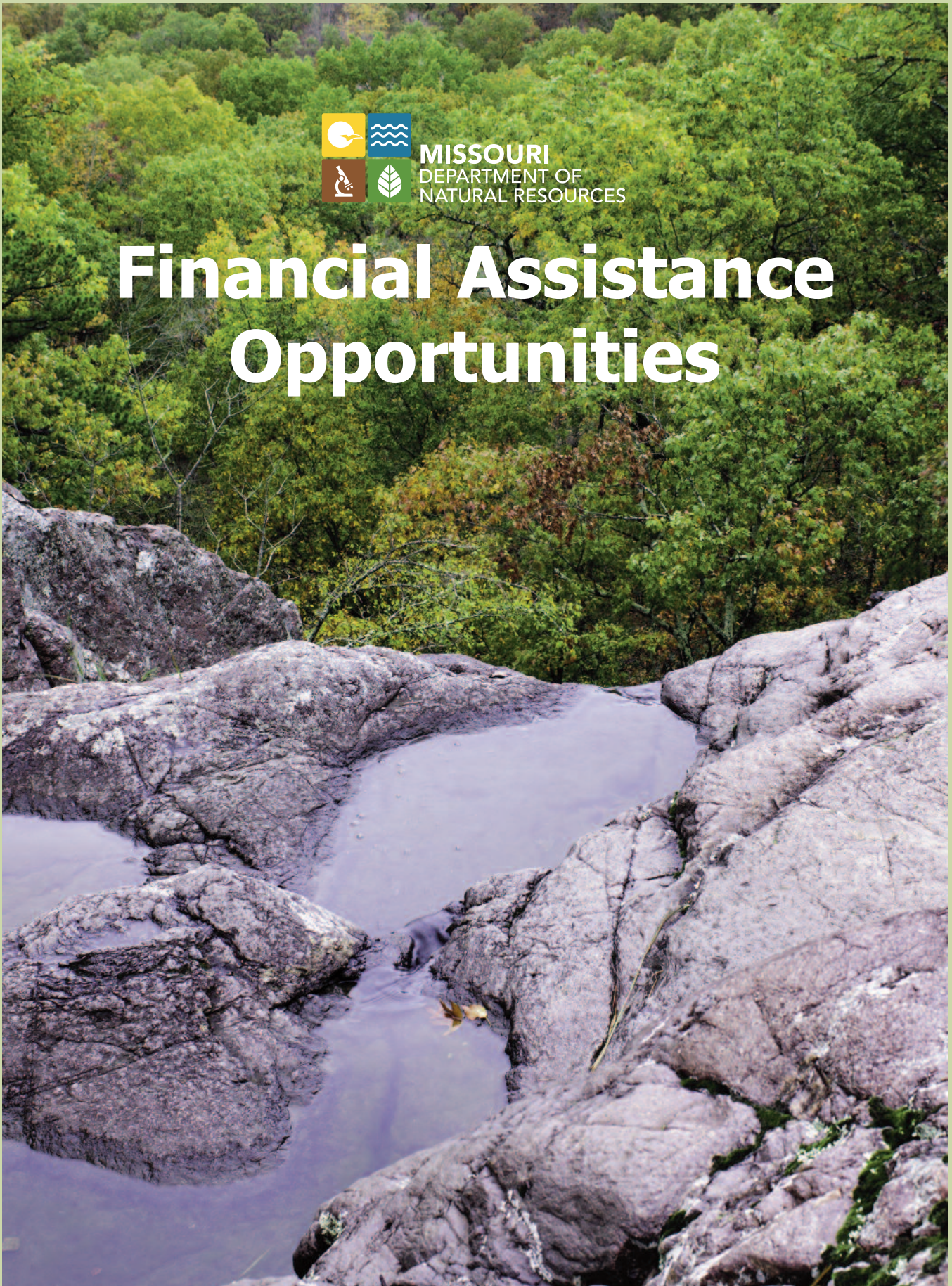





# Financial Assistance Opportunities





A man wearing a black t-shirt, grey shorts, a black cap, and a backpack is hiking on a wooden trail. A young child is sitting on his back, and a black dog is on a leash in front of him. The trail is surrounded by lush green trees and a wooden railing.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources offers numerous opportunities for financial assistance including tax credits and exemptions, loans and grants. These opportunities are available for private individuals, communities, organizations and companies. Assistance can range from help in rehabilitating a historic building or building an erosion-control structure, to building sewer and water systems and cleaning up leaking underground storage tanks.

For more information about the financial opportunities listed in this brochure, call the department toll-free at 800-361-4827, or email us at: [contact@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:contact@dnr.mo.gov) or visit [dnr.mo.gov/financial.htm](http://dnr.mo.gov/financial.htm)



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# Air Quality

## **Air Pollution Control Sales Tax Exemption**

Pursuant to Sections 144.030.2(14) and 144.030.2(15), RSMo, businesses may claim sales tax exemptions for equipment or devices designed and used solely for preventing, abating or monitoring air pollution. These may include machinery that analyzes emissions, controls air pollution from refrigerants or helps reduce air pollution in other ways. For any purchases since Aug. 28, 2008, claimants may use the Department of Revenue's Form 149, Exemption Certificate. Claimants must complete Form 149 and issue it to the seller.

Contact: Missouri Department of Revenue 573-751-3505 or visit [dor.mo.gov/business/sales/hb1670.php](http://dor.mo.gov/business/sales/hb1670.php)

# Water Quality

## **Abandoned Well Plugging Grants**

Grants are provided to public water systems that use a groundwater well. Funding is provided to plug abandoned drinking water wells that may affect water systems' source of supply. Available funds and maximum awards vary on a yearly basis.

Contact: Public Drinking Water Branch 573-751-5331

## **Operator Certification Training Voucher Program**

Provides training vouchers to eligible drinking water systems and wastewater facilities. Vouchers are issued annually and expire Dec. 31. Vouchers can be used for fees associated with obtaining operator certification, including operator examinations, renewal certificates and voucher-approved training. More than 1,500 public water and 650 wastewater systems in Missouri qualify for the program.

Contact: Public Drinking Water Branch 573-751-1600

## **Drinking Water Source Water Protection Grants**

Grants are provided to community water systems to implement source water protection strategies or develop a source water plan. Available funds and maximum award amounts vary on a yearly basis.

Contact: Public Drinking Water Branch 573-751-5331



### **Drinking Water Engineering Report Services Grants**

Grants are provided to help community water systems hire an engineer to perform a thorough review of all aspects of the water systems and make recommendations to improve the system's compliance performance and ability to provide safe drinking water.

Contact: Public Drinking Water Branch 573-751-5331

### **Small Community Engineering Assistance Grants**

Grants are provided to help municipalities, counties, public sewer or water districts, political subdivisions or instrumentalities of the state with a population of less than 10,000. The grants help fund engineering costs incurred to complete wastewater facility plans or engineering reports. Grant amounts and match requirements vary.

Contact: Water Protection Program 573-751-1300

### **Nonpoint Source Animal Waste Treatment Facility Loan Program**

Low-interest state revolving fund loans are available from Department of Natural Resources through the Missouri

Agriculture and Small Business Development Authority (MASDBA) to small producers and farmers for design and construction of animal waste treatment facilities and application of best management practices. Applications are obtained from the MASDBA for 100 percent of eligible costs. Loan interest rates are at 5.3 to 5.8 percent.

Contact: Water Protection Program 573-751-1300 or MASBDA 573-751-2129

### **319 Nonpoint Source Project Grants**

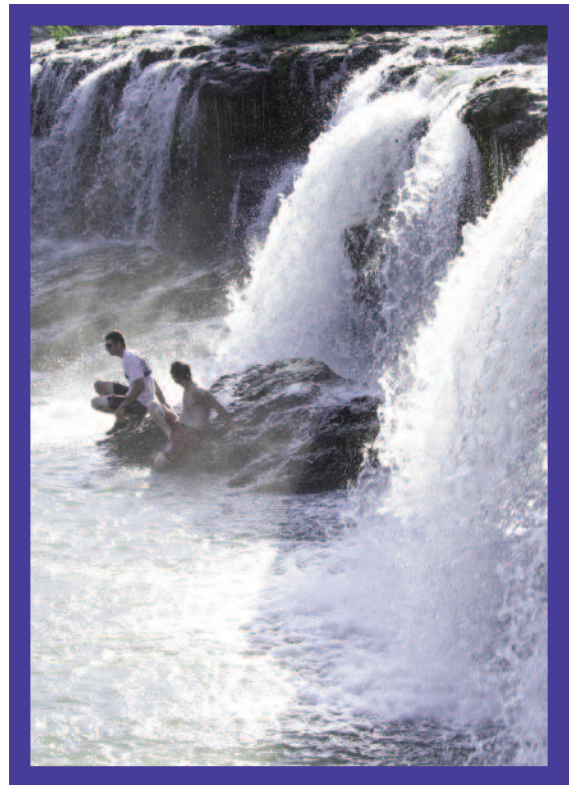
Grants are available to public institutions of higher education, units of government and nonprofit organizations with 501(c) (3) status for the prevention, control or abatement of nonpoint source water pollution projects. Research or activities required under discharge permits are not eligible. Project length may be up to three years. Awards are made every two years through a request for proposal. In addition, detailed letters of intent may be submitted at any time. Grant awards can range up to \$1 million.

Contact: Water Protection Program 573-751-1300

### **604b Water Quality Management Planning Grants**

Grants are available to assist the state, regional public comprehensive planning organizations and interstate organizations to carry out water quality management planning. Funds are used to determine the nature and extent of point and nonpoint source pollution and to develop management plans to address them with an emphasis on a watershed approach. Project length may be up to three years with awards typically ranging from \$30,000 to \$100,000. There is no match requirement.

Contact: Water Protection Program 573-751-1300





### **Private Water Company Bond Financing Program**

Bond financing is available through the Missouri Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority for private water companies to assist in the construction of water delivery systems and wastewater treatment facilities. The amounts are based on the ability to repay debt and subject to allocation of private activity bonds. The program has an open application period.

Contact: Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority 573-751-4919

### **Rural Sewer Grant Program**

Grants can be used for two types of wastewater construction projects: to fund unsewered areas, and to fund the additional costs of meeting more stringent permit requirements for wastewater treatment. Eligible recipients are public sewer districts, public water districts and communities of less than 10,000. Grant amounts are calculated based on a formula, and cover up to 50 percent of the eligible costs and not to exceed \$500,000. Available funds vary on a yearly basis.

Contact: Water Protection Program 573-751-1300

### **Small Borrowers Program – Clean Water and Drinking Water**

This program makes low-interest loans to municipalities and water districts that serve 1,000 or fewer people and wish to borrow \$100,000 or less. The maximum loan term is 20 years. The interest subsidy is the same as the state revolving fund loan program.

Contact: Water Protection Program 573-751-1300



### **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

Subsidized loans are available to any community water system and nonprofit non-community water system not federally owned for construction of drinking water facilities. Amounts are based on the ability to repay debt. The application deadline is set annually by the Safe Drinking Water Commission. Loans are administered jointly with the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, the Clean Water Commission and the Safe Drinking Water Commission.

Contact: Water Protection Program 573-751-1300

### **Clean Water State Revolving Fund**

Subsidized loans are available to any political subdivision of the state for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities. Amounts are based on ability to repay debt. The application deadline is Nov. 15. Loans are administered jointly with the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority and Clean Water Commission.

Contact: Water Protection Program 573-751-1300

# Solid Waste Management and Recycling

## Scrap Tire Playground Surface Material and Non-playground Grants

Scrap Tire Playground Surface Material Grants and Scrap Tire Non-playground Grants are made available for the cost and delivery of scrap tire material. The grants may be used for playgrounds, running tracks, walking trails, other surfacing projects or for a project that uses a product made from at least 40 percent Missouri generated scrap tires, such as picnic tables, benches, mats for weight rooms, vegetative mats, stall mats, running tracks or mulch. Those eligible to submit applications include public schools, some private schools, parks, nonprofit day care centers, other not-for-profit organizations, and governmental organizations other than state agencies. Eligible applicants may request funding for mats or pour-in-place material up to \$20,000, while those requesting loose material may request up to \$10,000. Applicants for non-playground grants may request up to \$50,000 in grant funds. Note: In keeping with the Americans with Disabilities Act rules, preference will be given to applicants requesting rubber mats or pour-in-place materials.



Grant application packages are available from the department's website at [dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirefinassistance.htm](http://dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirefinassistance.htm) or by mail annually in October and November with the application closing date of the grant cycle included in the application packet. There is one grant cycle each year. A portion of the revenue generated from the 50-cent fee collected on the sale of new tires in Missouri funds these grants. As a condition of award, all grant recipients are required to purchase scrap tire material from manufacturers whose scrap tire material or molded products contain at least 40 percent Missouri generated scrap tires. Total funds available for Scrap Tire Surfacing Material

Grant Awards is determined annually based on the revenue generated from new tire sales in Missouri. Since reauthorization of the tire fee in 2009, on average \$400,000 per year has been awarded. All grant awards are subject to the state of Missouri's legislative appropriations process, available funds, and authorization for the projects by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Contact: Solid Waste Management Program 573-751-5401



### **Scrap Tire Cleanup by Nonprofit Groups**

The department is authorized to reimburse fraternal, charitable or other nongovernmental, nonprofit organizations for disposal costs of scrap tires collected during voluntary cleanups of land and water resources. These funds are only available for disposal costs of the scrap tires. Other costs associated with disposal of other wastes collected as part of these projects are not eligible for reimbursement from these funds. Nonprofit organizations wishing to participate must complete an application and obtain authorization prior to the cleanup event. Additional information including the required application forms and instructions are available on the department's website at [dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirecost.htm](http://dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirecost.htm) or can

be requested by contacting the program. All reimbursements for cleanups are subject to the state of Missouri's legislative appropriations process, available funds, and authorization for the projects by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Contact: Solid Waste Management Program 573-751-5401

### **Missouri Market Development Program**

The department, through a statutory \$800,000 allocation of solid waste tonnage fees, funds this program established in 1990 by the Missouri General Assembly. The Missouri Market Development Program promotes the development of markets for recovered materials and recycled content products throughout Missouri by providing financial and technical assistance to businesses, governments and other organizations. The program may fund up to 75 percent of specific equipment costs with a maximum funding level of \$50,000. Eligible expenses include only the purchase of manufacturing equipment and machinery to manufacture products that contain recovered materials, other than internal or mill-broke. Equipment purchased for the final processing of recovered materials to be used by others in the manufacture of recycled content products is also eligible. Technical assistance is provided through the program to businesses, governments and other organizations to increase the use of recovered materials in manufacturing, marketing and purchasing. Technical assistance increases the competition of business through sales increase, cost savings, capital investment and jobs created or retained. Additional information including the required application forms and instructions are available on the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority's website at [eiera.mo.gov/mo-market-dev-program](http://eiera.mo.gov/mo-market-dev-program).

Contact: EIERA Market Development Program 573-751-4919



## Solid Waste Management District Grants

The department provides grant funding to Missouri's 20 solid waste management districts to fund their operations and community-based waste reduction, reuse, composting and recycling projects. These funds are provided from solid waste tonnage fee collections averaging \$6.5 million per year, and can be used for district administration costs or implementation of a solid waste management plan (not more than 50 percent of funds provided to the district) and for city and county grants (at least 50 percent of funds provided to the district). Local governments, small and large businesses, schools, sheltered workshops and individuals may seek and be awarded grants by their regional solid waste management district to support activities to remove materials from the waste stream and return them for beneficial reuse. Additional information about the solid waste management district nearest you is available on the department's website at [dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/swmd/swmdinfo.htm](http://dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/swmd/swmdinfo.htm).

Contact: Solid Waste Management Program 573-751-5401



*This was taken by department staff (specifically, Brenda Ardrey, SWMP) during a grant site visit of the Dexter Sheltered Workshop in February, 2013. It is a picture of the shredded white paper that was being collected, baled and recycled as a result of a district grant. The man in the picture is Willard Adams, Region S-Bootheel Solid Waste Management District Planner.*

# Soil and Land Management

## Soil and Water Conservation Cost-Share Program

The Soil and Water Cost-Share program provides partial funding to landowners for voluntarily implementing practices on agricultural land that prevent or control erosion and protect water quality. The program funds up to 75 percent of the state average cost for construction or implementation of a soil and water conservation practice. These efforts help protect the water resources of the state and the productive power of farmland. This program is funded by the parks, soils and water sales tax. The application is ongoing, and administered through local soil and water conservation districts.

Contact: Your county's Soil and Water Conservation District, or the Soil and Water Conservation Program  
573-751-4932 or visit  
[dnr.mo.gov/env/swcp/districts.htm](http://dnr.mo.gov/env/swcp/districts.htm)





# Historic Preservation and Recreation

## **Certified Local Government Program**

Certified Local Governments are communities that have established, under their local government, a historic preservation program that meets certain standards set by the state and the National Park Service. Grants are funded through the Historic Preservation Fund program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and is administered through the State Historic Preservation Office. Grant applications become available in June of each year with applications due at the end of August.

Contact: State Historic Preservation Office 573-751-7860

## **Historic Building Rehabilitation Tax Credits**

Federal and state investment tax credits are available for the rehabilitation of historic buildings. The State Historic Preservation Office works with property owners, developers and architects to provide advice on appropriate rehabilitation. A 20 percent federal tax credit can be used for the rehabilitation of income-producing historic buildings. Missouri provides a 25 percent state tax credit for the rehabilitation of income-producing historic buildings. Owner-occupied historic residences also qualify for the Missouri credit. The state credits include program and project caps and are administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the State Historic Preservation Office. Federal credits are administered by the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service.

Contact:

State program: Missouri Department of Economic Development 573-522-8004

Federal program: State Historic Preservation Office 573-751-7860



## **Historic Preservation Fund**

Federal matching grants are available annually for the identification, evaluation, registration and protection of cultural resources. These grants, which are funded at a 60 percent grant share/40 percent local matching share, generally do not exceed \$25,000. Historic Preservation Fund grant applications become available in June of each year with applications due at the end of August.

Contact: State Historic Preservation Office 573-751-7860

## **Land and Water Conservation Fund**

Federally funded grants are available to local government and school districts to be used for renovation, development of outdoor recreation facilities and land acquisition. Project site will be held in perpetuity to be used for public outdoor recreation use. The program requires a minimum match of 55 percent.

Contact: Grants Management Section 573-751-8462

## **Missouri Heritage Properties Program**

The Missouri Heritage Properties Program provides grants for the preservation of important National Register-listed or National Register-eligible properties in public ownership. The program is administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' State Historic Preservation Office and funded with monies from the Missouri Historic Preservation Revolving Fund.

Contact: State Historic Preservation Office 573-751-7860

## **Recreational Trails Program**

Federally funded grants are available to trail organizations, local governments, schools, businesses and for-profit/nonprofit organizations for trail construction, maintenance and education. The program requires a minimum match of 20 percent.

Contact: Grants Management Section 573-751-3442



# Hazardous Waste

## **Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanup Assistance**

Owners and operators of properties contaminated by leaking petroleum storage tanks may be eligible for monies from the Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund for cleanup costs. Certain restrictions apply, and the owner or operator must pay the first \$10,000 of eligible cleanup costs.

Contact: Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund 800-765-2765

## **Drycleaning Environmental Response Trust Fund**

The Drycleaning Environmental Response Trust, or DERT Fund, is a state fund and is administered by the Hazardous Waste Program according to rules published by the Hazardous Waste Management Commission. The DERT Fund provides funding (up to \$1,000,000) for the investigation, assessment and cleanup of releases of chlorinated solvents from eligible dry cleaning facilities. Operators of an active dry cleaning facility are required to register with the department and pay an annual registration surcharge. The owner or operator of the dry cleaning facility will be liable for the first \$25,000 of eligible corrective action costs. Funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis for pre-approved work.

Over the past several years, annual revenues to the DERT Fund have continued to decline. In response to the decline in revenues, the DERT Fund ceased accepting new applications for enrollment into the fund in September 2012.

Contact: Drycleaning Environmental Trust Fund 573-526-8913

## **Brownfield Assessments Program**

The Brownfields Voluntary Cleanup program offers brownfields site-specific assessments of properties for public entities such as cities, counties and quasi-governmental entities, as well as for nonprofit organizations. The site-specific assessment program can provide assessments at no cost to the applicants. The assessments provide answers to many of the questions regarding potential cleanup costs and environmental liability associated with brownfield properties. It is valuable information that can aid in making decisions regarding the future of the property.

Contact:

Brownfields-Voluntary Cleanup  
program

573-526-8913





### **Voluntary Cleanup Program**

Financial incentives are available for some sites participating in the Voluntary Cleanup program. Incentives are offered and administered by other agencies in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources. The incentives can take the form of grants, loans and tax credits. They are available for sites that are enrolled in the department's Voluntary Cleanup program.

Contact: Brownfields-Voluntary Cleanup program 573-526-8913



### **Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund**

Provides loans and sub-grants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with petroleum and hazardous substances. Sub-grants are limited to political subdivisions and nonprofit corporations. The program is particularly interested in projects that will positively impact smaller communities, both rural and suburban. Certain federal restrictions apply and parties responsible for contamination are not eligible. Eligible sites are required to enroll in the Voluntary Cleanup program. The loan program is administered by the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority.

Contact: EIERA 573-751-4919 or visit [eiera.mo.gov](http://eiera.mo.gov)

### **Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority**

Provides low-interest loans and subgrants to eligible participants to support cleanup activities for sites that contain contamination with petroleum and hazardous substances.

Contact: 573-751-4919 or visit [eiera.mo.gov](http://eiera.mo.gov)

### **Missouri Department of Economic Development**

The Brownfield Redevelopment Program provides financial incentives for the redevelopment of commercial or industrial sites that are contaminated with hazardous substances and have been abandoned or underutilized for at least three years. These incentives, in the form of state tax credits, are available to the eligible participant that is paying the remediation costs. One-hundred percent of the environmental cleanup costs are recoverable. The tax credits may be carried forward for 20 years or they may be sold.

Contact 573-522-8004 or visit [missouridevelopment.org](http://missouridevelopment.org) (Search for “brownfields” using the link in the upper right corner of the page).

# General Financial Assistance

## **Agriculture Loan Program**

Loans are available to individual farmers for animal waste treatment facilities. This program is administered jointly by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture.

Contact: Missouri Department of Agriculture 573-751-2129



## **Hazardous Substance Emergency Relief Loan Fund**

Hazardous Substance Emergency Relief Loan Fund Loans are available to political subdivisions or volunteer fire protection associations for reimbursement of actual costs incurred in responding to a hazardous substance emergency.

Contact: Environmental Services Program 573-526-3384

## **Local Government Reimbursement Program**

Local communities can be reimbursed up to \$25,000 for costs incurred in responding to a hazardous substance emergency. Request for reimbursement must be for response costs and services provided that were not budgeted, e.g. contractor cost, disposal cost, etc. This does not include incidents involving only petroleum or petroleum-related products.

Contact: U.S. EPA, Local Government Reimbursement Helpline 800-431-9209



## Private Activity Bond Financing

Issuance of tax-exempt and taxable revenue bonds in cooperation with the Department of Economic Development for private and public companies for certain facilities and improvements with environmental and energy resource impacts. These projects must meet the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority's (EIERA) statutory requirements as well as all applicable federal and state tax law provisions.

Contact: Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority 573-751-4919



### Discover related financial assistance opportunities with the following agencies:

Missouri Department of Agriculture .....	573-751-2129
Missouri Department of Conservation .....	573-751-4115
Missouri Department of Economic Development:	
Business Programs .....	573-522-2790
Community Programs .....	573-522-6155
Division of Energy .....	573-751-2254





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